**AMPUTATION INJURIES - ADULT / ADOLESCENT** 

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## **ALS STANDING ORDERS:**

- 1. If avulsed tissue is still attached, return to normal position and secure with moist sterile saline dressing.
- 2. Control active bleeding with direct pressure to bleeding site.
- 3. For bleeding that cannot be controlled by direct pressure, apply OCEMS approved tourniquet for hemorrhage control.
- 4. For blood pressure < 90 systolic or signs of poor perfusion:
  - ► Establish IV/IO access and infuse 250 mL Normal Saline fluid bolus, continue Normal Saline as a wide open infusion to attain or maintain perfusion.
- 5. Apply sterile saline moistened dressing to amputated area.
- 6. Splint extremity as needed.
- 7. Locate amputated part, rise off and wrap in sterile saline moistened gauze and transport with patient.
- 8. For pain:
  - ▶ Morphine sulfate: 5 mg (or 4 mg carpuject) IV, may repeat once as needed to control pain.
- 9. For patients who meet criteria to transport for replant (first bullet under Guidelines below), make Base Hospital contact for receiving center determination.

## **GUIDELINES:**

• The following should be transported to the nearest PTRC as directed by Base Hospital for replant evaluation:

Cleanly cut amputations to:

- 1. Thumb proximal to or at the interphalangeal (IP) joint (joint below the thumb nail).
- 2. Multiple fingers proximal to the mid-phalanx (middle bone of finger).
- 3. Complete or partial hand.
- 4. Upper extremity (wrist to shoulder).
- 5. Penis.
- The following types of injuries do not meet replant triage criteria and are transported to the nearest PRC:
  - 1. Amputations with crush injury that do not otherwise meet Trauma Triage Criteria.
  - 2. Amputations at multiple levels of same body part.
  - 3. Finger tip amputations.
  - 4. Single finger in the adult.
  - 5. Self-mutilation with prior self-mutilation attempts.
  - 6. Amputations greater than 6 hours old.
- Amputations of the leg do not meet replant criteria, but per a Base Hospital, leg amputations may be directed to the nearest PTRC.

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